



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.
Serial No.: 09/715,714
Filing Date: 11/17/2000
For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR SECURING A GRAFT
LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow
Attorney's Docket No.: INNO-31

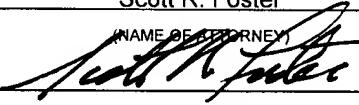
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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed March 25, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from June 25, 2004 to August 25, 2004.

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